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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 9 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 34th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa: report of the Secretary-General (A/52/871) [164].

The Secretary-General will be the first speaker on his report entitled "Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa" (A/52/871), at the 34th plenary meeting of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly to be held *today*, Friday, 9 October 1998.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 5th meeting Conference Room 4

1. Election of a Vice-Chairman

2. Hearing of petitioners (A/C.4/53/4 and Add.1-4)

3. Agenda items 18, 87, 88, 89 and 12 and 90:

General debate on all decolonization items: item 18 (A/53/23 (Parts II, V-VIII), A/AC.109/2102-2104; 2106-2110; 2112-2118); item 87 (A/53/23 (Part IV), chapter VIII, A/53/263); item 88 (A/53/23 (Part III)); item 89 (A/53/3* (chapter VIII, section D), A/53/23 (Part IV), chapter VII, A/53/130 and Corr.1, A/AC.109/L.1880, E/1998/76); item 90 (A/53/262 and Add.1)

* To be issued.

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	7th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

General debate *(concluded)*:

Singapore
Zimbabwe
International Monetary Fund
Maldives
Saudi Arabia
Thailand
Malaysia
Nepal
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Nicaragua
Malta
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Ghana

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	8th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Macroeconomic policy questions [91] (A/53/60, A/53/62, A/53/69, A/53/185)

(b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries (A/53/228, A/53/398)

(d) External debt crisis and development (A/53/373, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311)

Introductory statement and general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [101] (A/53/3*, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/380, A/53/381, A/53/416*, A/C.3/53/L.2, L.3 and L.4)

2. International drug control [102] (A/53/3*, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/129-E/1998/58, A/53/204, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/382, A/53/383, A/53/416*)

Continuation of general discussion

* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development Account (A/52/1009 and A/53/7/Add.1)), 112 and 119 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; Human resources management: Gratis personnel (A/C.5/52/54/Rev.1, A/C.5/52/56 and A/53/417)), 112 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (A/C.5/ 52/25, A/C.5/52/45 and A/53/7/Add.3)) and 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Analysis of savings resulting from the improved overall cost-effectiveness achieved pursuant to the ninth session of UNCTAD (A/52/898 and Corr.1 and A/53/7/Add.2))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 143 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Support account (A/52/837 and Corr.1, A/52/892 and A/53/418))

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	12th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	13th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

Documents A/C.6/53/WG.1/CRP.33, CRP.34 and CRP.35 and Add.1-17

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Net budgeting, including its impact on the functioning of the entities concerned (A/53/410)
2. Executive session on United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

Meeting of the Bureau

10.30 a.m.-11.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION

Meeting of the Bureau

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Room S-1027

SECURITY COUNCIL

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	1389th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

Second regular session

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Executive briefing

There will be an executive briefing for delegations by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, Ms. Angela E. V. King, *today*, 9 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5, on agenda items 103 (Advancement of women) and 104 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 9 October 1998

EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES GROUP

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

(Item 91 (b) and (d): draft resolutions on financing for development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries and external debt crisis and development)

9.30 a.m.-12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES GROUP

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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Meeting of co-sponsors

A meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution disarmament, organized by the delegation of Myanm held *today*, 9 October 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conferenc

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Informal meeting

An informal meeting, organized by the del Myanmar, will be held *today*, 9 October 1998, a Conference Room B, to make a final review of the dr joint statement on disarmament issues and other relat

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the the month, the Presidency of the Security Coun conduct informal briefings on the current work Council for Member States of the United Nations are non-members of the Council daily, except o on which no informal consultations are schedule briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortl the adjournment of the informal consultations, Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 12 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Statement by the Secretary-General

2. General debate:

Mexico
Austria (on behalf of the European Union)
Fiji
South Africa (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries)
Bangladesh
Malaysia
Colombia
Myanmar

Document (A/C.1/53/INF.1)

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 6th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	3rd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will commence its substantive work on 12 October 1998 for a period of five weeks. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 12 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The Committee will hold its general debate from 12 to 21 October. Those delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the secretariat of the First Committee (tel.: 963-5579, room S-3140B), as early as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

A panel discussion on the "State of the World Economy" will be held on Monday, 12 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The panellists will be Mr. Shafiq Islam, President, BRN Associates, Dr. Arturo O'Connell, Director, Centre for International Economy, Argentina, and Prof. Jan Kregel, The Johns Hopkins University, Italy. All interested delegations are invited to attend. This panel is organized with the generous support of the United Nations University.

Briefing

The Bureau of the Second Committee wishes to invite all interested delegations, non-governmental organizations, Secretariat staff and press to the briefing on "Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPCs) and the eternal debt crisis" by Mr. Axel Van Trotsenberg (World Bank) and Mr. Allan MacArthur (International Monetary Fund), on Tuesday, 13 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be a briefing by Mr. Aurelio Fernández (Spain), Chairman of the thirty-sixth session of the Commission for Social Development, on the status of preparation and proposed organization of work for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission, on Monday, 12 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-third session of the Commission (March 1999). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and health; and (2) institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216), *no later than* Tuesday, 20 October 1998.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Briefing

There will be a briefing for delegations by the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, on Monday, 12 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6 on human rights issues before the current session of the General Assembly.

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Seminar

The United Nations University (UNU) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing the third session of their annual series "Sustainable Development in Practice". Session III is entitled "Climate Change Convention - Fourth Conference of Parties: Challenges and Opportunities". The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 14 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 7 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 5th meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

The Controller introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/52/25 and A/C.5/52/45).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/53/7/Add.3).

The representative of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on Thursday, 8 October, in the morning, under the chairmanship of Mrs.Sharon Brennen-Haylock (Bahamas),Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [143]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Death and disability

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/53/16).

Statements were made by the representatives of Nepal, Bangladesh and Indonesia.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on death and disability benefits contained in document A/C.5/53/16.

Support Account

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Iceland and Norway), India, Cuba, Cyprus, Japan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation, Bangladesh, China, Uganda, Algeria and Yemen.

The Controller and the Director of the Operational Services Division of the Office of Human Resources Management replied to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on the same day, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Miles Armitage (Australia), Vice-Chairman of the Com- mittee.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Analysis of savings resulting from the improved overall cost-effectiveness achieved pursuant to the ninth session of UNCTAD

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Peru.

The Controller replied to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on Thursday, 8 October, in the morning, under the chairmanship of Mrs.Sharon Brennen-Haylock (Bahamas),Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

Human resources management [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Gratis personnel

The representative of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The Director of the Operational Services Division of the Office of Human Resources Management replied to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on Thursday, 8 October, in the morning, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Sharon Brennen-Haylock (Bahamas), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman made a statement and drew the attention of the Committee to two letters dated 6 October 1998, addressed to him from the President of the General Assembly (A/C.5/53/21 and A/C.5/53/22), transmitting letters from the Permanent Representatives of Guinea-Bissau and Georgia, respectively.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guinea-Bissau, Senegal, Egypt, Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of African States and ECOWAS), Indonesia, China, Tunisia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Cuba, Uganda, Canada and the United Kingdom.

Following a proposal by the representative of Uganda, the Chairman proposed an oral draft decision. Statements were made by the representatives of China, Guinea-Bissau and Senegal.

After a suspension of the meeting, the Committee adopted, without a vote, the oral draft decision proposed by the Chairman which was subsequently issued as document A/C.5/53/L.5.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of China, Australia, India and Austria (on behalf of the European Union).

The representative of Guinea-Bissau also made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on agenda item 113, namely the Development Account, would be held on Thursday, 8 October, at 3 p.m., under the chairmanship of Mr. Humayun Kabir (Bangladesh).

Thursday, 8 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

33rd plenary meeting

Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [15 (a)]

The President made a statement.

The representative of Swaziland made a statement on a point of order.

On the first round of balloting, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Argentina, Canada, Malaysia, Namibia and the Netherlands were elected members of the Security Council for a two-year term beginning on 1 January 1999.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 15.

Tentative programme of work

The President drew the attention of the General Assembly to document A/INF/53/3/Add.1 which contained a tentative programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings from 8 October through 3 November 1998. The President also drew the attention of the Assembly to a change in the scheduling of the consideration of agenda item 11 (Report of the Security Council) from Monday, 12 October to Wednesday, 21 October 1998.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 5th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Ecuador, Zambia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, the Republic of Korea, Venezuela,

Yemen, Benin, Kazakhstan, the Sudan, Croatia, the Philippines, Papua New Guinea and Guatemala (also on behalf of Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama).

6th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Ethiopia, Egypt, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United Arab Emirates, Bulgaria, Bahrain, Morocco, Mongolia, Colombia, Slovakia, Ukraine, Nigeria, Jamaica, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Mali, Azerbaijan, Iraq, Niger, Israel, Peru, Paraguay, Lesotho, Panama, the Republic of Moldova, Madagascar, the Syrian Arab Republic and Cameroon.

The representative of the World Meteorological Organization also made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 6th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [101]

International drug control [102]

The Committee began its joint consideration of the items.

The Under-Secretary-General, Executive Director of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention made an introductory statement.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Executive Director of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention in which the representatives of Austria, Turkey, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan, Côte d'Ivoire, Zambia, India, and Fiji took part.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union, as well as the following associated countries: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway), the United States, Swaziland (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Mexico, Panama (on behalf of the Rio Group), Japan and China.

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [100]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Bahrain, Ethiopia and Benin.

The Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development made some closing remarks.

The Committee concluded its general discussion of the item.

Organization of work

The Committee was informed of the allocation of responsibilities to the Vice-Chairpersons.

The Committee agreed to designate Mr. Alessandro Busacca of Italy as coordinator of a draft resolution on the follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action (under agenda item 110 (d)).

The general discussion of agenda items 103 and 104, originally scheduled for the afternoon of 16 October, would be rescheduled for Monday morning, 19 October, in order to enable delegations to take part in the joint event with the Second Committee on the occasion of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on Friday 16 October, at 3 p.m.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 8 OCTOBER 1998

503rd (closed) meeting

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

504th (closed) meeting

Other matters [9]

The Committee considered the item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations. Tampere, 18 June 1998

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Convention was opened for signature at Tampere, Finland, by all States Members of the United Nations or of the

International Telecommunication Union on 18 June 1998, and thereafter at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 22 June 1998 where it will remain open until 21 June 2003, in accordance with its article 12.

The place of signature in New York will be the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs. Delegations are advised to contact the Treaty Section in advance to arrange appointments to this effect (room S-3200, tel: 963-5047; fax: 963-3693).

It is also advised that delegations intending to sign the Convention submit, as necessary, full powers in advance to the Treaty Section.

Signature: Benin (18 June 1998)
Signature: Burundi (18 June 1998)
Signature: Chile (18 June 1998)
Signature: Congo (18 June 1998)
Signature: Cyprus (18 June 1998)
Signature: Denmark (18 June 1998)
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Signature: Uzbekistan (6 October 1998)

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Exhibition

On the occasion of the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA) for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC), an exhibition on South-South Cooperation and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is being held in the first basement of the Secretariat building until 16 October 1998.

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